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--34. (Amended) The system according to claim 28,
wherein said video data is unencrypted and encoded and wherein
said slave device [is a decoder] comprises means for decoding
said video data.--

REMARKS

In light of the above amendatory matter and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

The Examiner maintains that the term "decoder" renders the claims indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 3, 9, 18, 22, 27, and 34 to clarify the meaning of "decoder" or "decoding" in each of these claims. Applicants submit that, for the purposes of this application, there is a difference between a decoder and a decrypter and, accordingly, applicants have referred to each by its respective name. In the claims, "decoder" does not mean "decrypter".

The Examiner should note that commonly, digital video data is transmitted in an encoded form, e.g. compression coding such as MPEG. A decoder is needed to decode such encoded data. Encoded data may further be encrypted to provide security, thus resulting in encrypted encoded data. A decrypter, provided with the appropriate decryption key, is needed to decrypt such encrypted encoded data to produce decrypted encoded data. Such

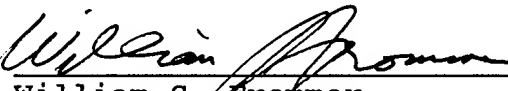
decrypted encoded data may then be decoded by a decoder to produce decrypted decoded data. Ideally, decrypted decoded data is the same as the data that was originally encoded and encrypted.

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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